

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Dear Registrant:

I am writing to you regarding the annual pesticide registration maintenance fees and the Environmental Protection Agency's plans for collecting these fees in 2015. The Agency has been collecting maintenance fees since 1988 from all who hold a primary pesticide registration under Section 3 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) or a special local need under FIFRA Section 24(c).

The Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act of 2012 (referred to as PRIA 3), which became effective on October 1, 2012, authorizes the Agency to collect an average of \$27.8 million in fiscal years 2013 through 2017. PRIA 3 also increased the large business "caps" or maximum amounts to \$115,500 for the first 50 registrations and \$184,800 total. The small business caps increased to \$70,600 for the first 50 registrations and \$122,100 total. To qualify as a small business, a company must have 500 or fewer employees, and average annual gross revenue from pesticide sales that did not exceed \$60 million. For certain qualified small businesses, there is now a provision for a 25% waiver of the fee on the first product. A qualified small business must have 500 or fewer employees; during the 3-year period prior to the most recent maintenance fee billing, have average annual global gross revenue from all sources (includes pesticide and non-pesticide revenue) that did not exceed \$10 million; and hold not more than five (5) Section 3 and Section 24(c) pesticide registrations combined.

All maintenance fees for 2015 are due by January 15, 2015. The fee is \$ 3,375 for each registration except for certain qualified small businesses which receive a 25% waiver on the first product so that the first product fee is \$2,531. You can now pay maintenance fees on-line. See page 8 of the instructions for details.

You should find two documents enclosed with this letter: a printout listing all of your currently active or suspended registrations and a reporting form with your company name and EPA company number. The instructions and fee table for the 2015 maintenance fee cycle can be found at **www2.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/annual-pesticide-registration-maintenance-fees**. Please review all of these materials carefully. If any are missing or you need assistance, please call our toll-free maintenance fee information line at 1-800-444-7255. This line is attended from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST), or you can leave a recorded message at other times. You also may send an email to Mick Yanchulis at yanchulis.michael@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures